

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Focazio et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2167**  
Serial No.: **10/803,630** § Examiner: **Rayyan, Susan F.**  
Filed: **March 18, 2004** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920040040US1**  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Splitting**  
**and Merging Request and Response Data at**  
**Runtime** §

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Madam:

A fee of \$400.00 is required for two (2) additional independent claims in excess of the four (4) previously paid for. Please charge this fee to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.